

Appl. No. 10/040,118  
Amdt. dated June 17, 2004  
Reply to Office action of March 24, 2004

### REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for her guidance and her recognition that Claim 2 is patentable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten Claim 2 in independent form. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that herein amended Claim 2 pass to allowance.

Applicants traverse the rejection that Claim 1 is anticipated by Biumno et. al (US 6,282,782 ('782)). Nonetheless, Applicants have herein amended Claim 1 to recite further the limitation "...filling the plurality of holes of the substrate utilizing a pressurized fill head while maintaining the alignment between the plurality of holes in a substrate and the holes of the stand-off...". No new matter has been introduced with this amendment. In particular, the originally filed Specification enables this limitation for example on page 4 on lines 5-10, on page 6 on lines 5-7, and in Figure 1 (reference numeral 40 being the pressurized fill head). The '782 reference does not teach or suggest the limitation of a pressurized fill head used while maintaining alignment. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the rejection on this basis be withdrawn and herein amended Claim 1 pass to allowance.

Applicants have also added new dependant Claim 6 which adds the above-described limitation of "...filling the plurality of holes of the substrate utilizing a pressurized fill head while maintaining the alignment between the plurality of holes in a substrate and the holes of the stand-off...".

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2638. Please reference Attorney Docket Number 47406-012600 when charging any payments or credits in connection with this application. If the Examiner has any

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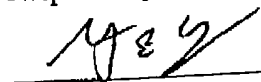
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questions, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at  
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